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**Each Supervisor** 

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Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT:

STATUS REPORT ON JOB READINESS & CAREER PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (LACOE) AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY

This is to provide you with an update on the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) actions to negotiate a contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for Job Readiness & Career Planning Services.

We have completed the negotiation. LACOE, County Counsel and I have signed the contract.

On July 1, 2002, LACOE will implement the contract services countywide, with the exception of the Santa Clarita area. Service to Santa Clarita will be temporarily delayed until the space plan for that area is finalized by LACOE. We anticipate having service in place as early as July 2002 and no later than October 2002.

The Job Readiness & Career Planning Services Contract is within the parameters set forth in your Board's March 19, 2002, directive to DPSS in that it:

- Is within the budget of \$9.6 million authorized for each contract year;
- Includes a staggered schedule for Orientation Program sessions to decrease costs and increase program efficiency by maximizing class size;
- Is for a two-year term with the option for three one-year renewals; and

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Contains all of the key elements in the LACOE proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals, except Teen Passport Services and Multi-Disciplinary Team space costs, which have been deleted due to DPSS' budget constraints.

My Department looks forward to working with LACOE in the provision of these new enhanced services.

BY:lb

c: Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel